

VACCINATION POLICY

Students in a health career program have an increased risk of exposure to various health risks and illnesses, including Hepatitis-B. In regard to Hepatitis, the college informs students that this is a very serious illness but it can be prevented by a Hepatitis-B vaccination. The college requires students in medical assisting program to sign a Hepatitis B statement stating that the student is responsible for obtaining a series of required inoculations shortly after starting classes. It is up to the student to obtain this immunization during their training at the college unless a physician documents that he/she is medically prohibited from receiving the immunization.

For Practical Nursing program:

Health Information

To complete the confirmed admission to the Practical Nursing Program, the student must have a completed health record on file and provide proof of immunization or titer immunity as required by the clinical agencies.

Physical Exam

A physical exam is required prior to starting the Practical Nursing Program. The student is responsible for submitting the completed information to the Nursing office.

The Practical Nursing Program must confirm with all clinical facilities documentation of the student's health history and immunizations prior to the student's arrival. Students who do not complete required documents will be unable to attend clinical and will be dropped from the Practical Nursing Program. It is the students' responsibility to ensure all mandatory health requirements are submitted to the Practical Nursing Program by the deadline posted by the Nursing office.

Immunizations

Participation in clinical experiences requires documentation of immunizations, and in some cases proof of immunity via titers (a blood test used to measure the level of immunity to the disease process). Insufficient immunity will result in required re-immunization prior to clinical placement. Lack of documented proof of immunization and/or immunity may prevent placement in clinical rotations and therefore prevent completion of clinical experience requirements leading to failure to pass the course and progress in the nursing program. The following immunizations are required. This list may change as changes are made by any of the clinical agencies.

1. Annual influenza vaccination.
2. Childhood vaccinations such as MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) or titer to

demonstrate immunity, Varicella (chicken pox) or titer to demonstrate immunity, OPV (polio), DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) or TDAP.

3. Hepatitis B vaccination series.
4. Negative **TB (PPD)** or **Mantoux** (2-step) testing prior to the start of the Integrated Clinical Experience and must remain active throughout Program matriculation. Test results must remain active/current through the last day of all clinical experiences. The Practical Nursing Program requires an active 1-step test throughout the 3-year professional phase; 2-step testing is required by many clinical sites and communicated to students prior to clinical placement, including timing requirements. Positive test results may require repeat or additional testing to confirm results and confirmed cases require treatment, all at the student's expense. Students who are unable to complete PPD testing, must provide negative chest x-ray results showing no active TB disease.

1-Step TB Test

- Visit 1: Administration of TB serum.
- Visit 2: Results read and documented 48-72 hours later.

2-Step TB Test

- Visit 1: Administration of TB serum.
- Visit 2: Results read and documented 48-72 hours later.
- Visit 3: Second administration of TB serum - >10 but <21 days after visit 2.
- Visit 4: Second results read and documented 48-72 hours later.

Note, all results must be read and documented by a nurse, physician assistant, or physician – not a medical assistant. Acceptable documentation of results includes date of administration, date of reading, and size of skin reaction in millimeters.

*Please note that if a facility requires any additional vaccines, you will be required to comply in order to complete clinicals. Required vaccines, examinations, testing, and health examinations will be completed at the expense of the student.